

## Message Text

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TAGS: PFOR, UR, SY, PLO  
SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL COMMENT ON SOVIET-SYRIAN COMMUNIQUE

REF: MOSCOW 5472

1. TEXT OF SOVIET-SYRIAN COMMUNIQUE AS PRINTED IN APRIL  
23 CENTRAL PRESS CLOSELY FOLLOWS ADVANCE OUTLINE GIVEN  
EMBASSY BY SYRIANS HERE. WHILE THERE ARE NO SURPRISES,  
EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO NOTE AND COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING  
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-- THERE IS AN UNUSUAL PASSAGE IN WHICH SYRIAN SIDE NOTES  
IMPORTANCE OF THAT ROLE IN PREPARATION AND CONDUCT OF  
GENEVA CONFERENCE WHICH SOVIET UNION IS CALLED UPON TO  
PLAY AS CO-CHAIRMAN. THIS LANGUAGE WOULD SEEM TO  
PROVIDE A CERTAIN SYRIAN STAMP OF APPROVAL TO  
SOVIET TACTICAL MANEUVERS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE  
CONVOCAION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE AND SUCCESS OF

NEGOTIATIONS THERE;

-- TWO SIDES REACHED AGREEMENT ON "ACTUAL MEASURES"  
IN AREA OF INTER-PARTY RELATIONS FOR THE "FOLLOWING PERIOD".

2. APRIL 23 PRAVDA NOTES APRIL 21 SIGNING OF SOVIET-  
SYRIAN AGREEMENT ON QUESTIONS OF "ECONOMIC AND  
TECHNICAL COOPERATION."

3. WE NOTE AN IMMEDIATE BACKSLIDING ON ISSUE OF TIMING  
OF PLO PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA CONFERENCE. AS PREDICTED,  
SOVIET-SYRIAN COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON THIS ISSUE USED  
PHRASE "FROM VERY BEGINNING". HOWEVER, APRIL 24 PRAVDA  
"INTERNATIONAL WEEK" COLUMN BY BORIS OREKHOV (IN SECTION  
ON ASAD VISIT) OMITTED THIS PHRASE FROM SENTENCE DESCRIBING  
SOVIET POSITION ON PLO/GENEVA PARTICIPATION.  
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